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called on the defendant to show where the husband died ; and the answer was, he died at Ypota on the sea of Greece. The roll adds new interest to the case when we learn that the husband was Sir John Mandeville ; and though the date would seem to prevent our ascribing to him the work that bears his name, the roll must at least require a reconsideration of the disputed question of the authorship of the travels.

The roll in *Fisher v. Newgate* (2 Ed. II. 37) brings out an interesting point for which there was no such early authority. The action is debt on a bond, and the plaintiff is given his debt, with damages taxed by the court. The roll then adds, " and be it known that the said writing is redelivered to Richard uncancelled because other debtors are comprised in the same."

There is only one thing which we should wish to change about this book ; and that is, that we must wait two years for its successor.

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A TREATISE ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS, which rest upon the Legislative Power of the States of the American Union. By Thomas M. Cooley. Seventh Edition. By Victor H. Lane, Professor of Law in the University of Michigan. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company. 1903. pp. cxixii, 1036. 8vo.

When a law treatise as well known and as much quoted and of as high authority as Judge Cooley's Treatise on Constitutional Limitations has not been re-edited in thirteen years, a new edition is very welcome. Judge Cooley first published his treatise in 1868. The text and footnotes then covered six hundred and thirty-three pages of law octavo, and contained about thirty-five hundred citations. Within fifteen years the work went through five editions, and in the fifth, published in 1885, had been increased to seven hundred and ninety-one pages of text and footnotes containing about eight thousand citations. The work on all these editions was done by the author himself. In 1890 a sixth edition was published which differed from the fifth mainly in the addition of some two thousand cases. The text was little altered, and covered the same number of pages as the fifth.

The present edition is the work of Professor Lane of the University of Michigan. The text proper has not been altered. The addition of more than three thousand new cases has, however, increased the book about one hundred and fifty pages. The editor's work in bringing the book to date has been carefully done, and all the important cases of recent years seem to have been included in the volume. Some of these have been inserted in brackets in the old footnotes, while others have been made the basis of new notes by the present editor on topics suggested by but not discussed in the text. One difficulty, however, lies in the fact that these notes are not in the nature of additional text, but are collections of the points decided in numbers of more or less closely connected cases, the editor's work apparently being a condensation and restatement of the headnotes of these cases. As the index to this edition is practically the same as that of the sixth edition, much valuable information is not made as accessible as it might be by a larger generalization.

Citations are made in this edition to the American State Reports and to the Lawyers Reports Annotated, and duplicate references are made to all cases which are printed in the National Reporter System. This should prove to be an excellent change. In regard to the order of the citations there is room for some improvement. For the most part the scheme seems to be to cite the cases from a single jurisdiction beginning with the latest and going to the earliest. In some instances, however, citations have been made in the inverse order, and in some few others without regard to any system.